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ABSTRACT

This bulletin is designed primarily for high school and college officers who have responsibility for advising students concerning the grant and scholarship programs administered by the New York Regents Examination and Scholarship Center of the State Education Department. It provides information concerning the following: (1) tuition assistance program awards; (2) Regents college scholarships; (3) Regents nursing scholarships; (4) Regents scholarships at Cornell University; (5) Regents awards for children of deceased and disabled veterans; (6) Regents scholarships for war veterans; (7) Regents scholarships in medicine, dentistry and osteopathy; (8) Regents physician shortage scholarships; and (9) Herbert H. Lehman graduate fellowships. This edition of the Handbook reflects the status of the various programs as of the close of the 1974 session of the New York Legislature. (Author)

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INTRODUCTION

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1. Tuition assistance program awards
2. Regents college scholarships
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8. Regents physician shortage scholarships
9. Herbert H. Lehman graduate fellowships

It should be noted that the terms and conditions of these various awards may change from time to time with changes in legislation or in regulations. This edition of the *Handbook* reflects the status of the various programs as of the close of the 1974 session of the Legislature. (*See Table 1*) So far as possible, the Department will attempt to keep the schools and colleges informed of subsequent changes as they occur.

In addition to the grants and scholarship programs administered by the Regents Examination and Scholarship Center, there are of course a wide range of other sources of financial aid to students. The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Education Department provides educational assistance to students in rehabilitation programs. The New York State Higher Education Assistance Corporation guarantees bank loans to students. The State University of New York offers scholarships and tuition waivers to students. The Federal government supports a wide variety of programs, including basic and supplementary opportunity grants, GI benefits, war orphan benefits, direct student loans, and special educational assistance to persons in training for the health professions. Loans and grants are also made by the individual colleges from their own institutional funds, and by various nongovernmental groups and organizations. Further information, in each case, can be obtained directly from the appropriate agency.

TABLE 1

Scholarships and Grants, 1974–75
(administered by the Regents Examination and Scholarship Center)

Program	Number of New Annual Awards 1974–75	Amount of Annual Award	Term of Award (in years)
Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Awards	228,000[1]	$1,500–$100	8
Scholarships for High School Seniors			
Regents College Scholarships	19,466	250	4 or 5
Regents Nursing Scholarships	800	250	3, 4 or 5
Regents Scholarships in Cornell University	60	1,000–100	4 or 5
Regents Grants for Children of Veterans	1,100[1]	450	4 or 5
Other Scholarships			
Medical-Dental-Osteopathy Scholarships	136	4,000–350	4
Regents Scholarships for War Veterans	600	350	4 or 5
Lehman Fellowships	30	5,000–4,000	4

[1] Estimated. No fixed number. Awards made to all eligible candidates.

Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Awards

Purposes

The purpose of the TAP program (which replaces the former scholar incentive program) is to help reduce financial obstacles to students in the pursuit of postsecondary education, and to permit a wide choice of institutions in New York State according to the educational interests and needs of the student. TAP is not a competitive program. Rather, TAP awards are made available to all students who have demonstrated ability to complete an approved program of postsecondary study. Awards are made in relation to the financial need of the student and to the tuition charge at the institution attended.

Eligibility

Eligibility for TAP awards is limited to persons who:

(1) Are now legal residents of New York State and have been legal residents for at least 1 year. (Persons who have been residing in New York State for less than a full year may also qualify if they were previously residents during their final year of high school or college study.)

(2) Are citizens of the United States, or have made application for such citizenship, or file a statement of intent to make such application.

(3) Are matriculated in an approved program in New York State. Approved programs include college programs leading to an approved degree or certificate, hospital school programs, 2-year programs in registered private business schools, and degree programs in trade or technical schools. (Students enrolled in the following types of programs are not eligible: nondegree programs in trade or technical schools, 1-year programs in registered private business schools, postdoctoral programs, or programs of theological or spiritual training.)

(4) Are full-time students, enrolled for a minimum of 12 credits a semester, or 8 credits a quarter, or the equivalent. (Regular full-time students who have been restricted to limited physical regimen by serious medical disabilities may request special consideration, but prior approval for a limited program of study must be obtained.)

(5) Have a tuition charge (exclusive of fees) in excess of $200 a year.

(6) Had a combined family net taxable income during the previous calendar year not exceeding $20,000. (For an explanation of how net taxable income is determined, see page 4.)

(7) File the Student Payment Application annually by the required deadline date.

TAP assistance may be received for a maximum of 4 years of undergraduate study (except that such assistance may be received for 5 years in an organized, approved 5-year baccalaureate program, and also in an approved program of remedial study, such as HEOP, EOP, or SEEK), and for a maximum of 4 years of graduate study. In no case shall a person be eligible for TAP assistance for more than 8 years of combined graduate and undergraduate study.

Amount of Award

The amount of the TAP award for each academic year will be based on financial need, as indicated by the combined net taxable balance on the New York State income tax returns of the family (student, parents, and student's spouse, if any). The net taxable balance is the gross income less all exemptions and deductions for income tax purposes. (See Financial Need, page 19)

During the school years 1974–75, 1975–76, and 1976–77, there will be three different schedules of TAP payments in effect, depending on the student's educational level, as explained below. Effective with the

1977–78 school year, Schedule B will be discontinued. All graduate and professional students will of course continue to receive payment under Schedule A, but all undergraduate students will receive payment under Schedule C. (A comparison of the payments under the different schedules at typical college tuitions is presented in Table 2.)

TABLE 2

Illustrative Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Annual Awards
1974–75

Net Taxable Balance[1]	Private College (Tuition of $1,500 or more)			SUNY Lower Division ($650 Tuition)	
	Sched. A	Sched. B	Sched. C	Sched. B	Sched. C
$ 2,000	600	600	1,500	600	650
3,000	300	533	1,440	533	590
6,000	300	333	1,250	333	400
9,000	100	133	1,030	133	180
12,000	100	100	770	100	100
15,000	100	100	450	100	100
20,000	100	100	100	100	100

[1] Net taxable balance is the gross income less all allowable exemptions and deductions for State income tax purposes. For the typical two-child family, a net taxable balance of $2,000, for example, is approximately comparable to a gross income of about $6,100.

The scholarship is valid for a maximum of 4 years of study, or 5 years in a 5-year baccalaureate program, in an approved program at an institution situated in New York State.

Scholarship holders who began approved study before July 1, 1974 will continue to receive scholarship payment under the schedule that was in effect before that date. Under that schedule, the maximum scholarship award is $1,000 a year if the family net taxable balance is $1,800 or less. For every $10 that the NTB exceeds $1,800, the annual award is reduced by $1, but not below $250. The scholarship award cannot exceed the cost of tuition and fees, or $350, whichever is greater.

SCHEDULE A

Graduate and Professional Students

Schedule A applies to students in graduate level programs who have already received a college degree, and also to students enrolled in

professional schools (law, medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, podiatry).

The maximum annual award, in relation to family net taxable balance, is indicated below. (However, the actual award may not exceed the cost of tuition, excluding fees.)

New York State Net Taxable Balance	Maximum Award For Year
$2,000 or less	$600
2,001-6,000	300
6,001-8,000	200
8,001-20,000	100
20,001 or more	0

If more than one person in the family will be attending college, the net taxable balance will be divided by the number of such persons.

SCHEDULE B

All Undergraduate Students, Except Recent High School Graduates

Schedule B applies to those undergraduate students who either (a) graduated from high school before January 1, 1974, or (b) enrolled before July 1, 1974, whether as full-time or part-time students, in any college program, hospital school program, degree program in a trade or technical school, or 2-year program in a private business school. (High school students who take one or more college courses as part of an accelerated program without formal matriculation by the college are not considered to be enrolled college students.)

Under Schedule B, the maximum annual award will be $600 if the net taxable balance (NTB) for 1973 was $2,000 or less. If the NTB exceeded $2,000, the maximum award will be reduced by $1 for every $15 of NTB over $2,000. However, if the NTB was $20,000 or less, the minimum annual award will be $100. The following table indicates the range of TAP awards for corresponding ranges of income. For specific incomes between the limits of each range, the exact award can be found by interpolating according to the formula above.

Range of Net Taxable Balance	Range of Maximum Award
$ 2,000 or less	$600
2,001 — 5,000	599 — 400
5,001 — 8,000	399 — 200
8,001 — 9,500	199 — 100
9,501 — 20,000	100
20,001 or more	0

The actual award may not exceed the cost of tuition (excluding fees). For example, if the maximum entitlement based on income is $575 a year, but the student attends a college with a tuition charge of $500 a year, the payment will be adjusted to $500 a year.

If more than one person in the family will be attending college, the NTB will be divided by the number of such persons.

SCHEDULE C

Recent High School Graduates

Schedule C applies to students who neither graduated from high school before January 1, 1974 nor began postsecondary study before July 1, 1974.

Under Schedule C, if the net taxable balance (NTB) is $2,000 or less, the maximum annual award will be either $1,500 or the cost of tuition, whichever figure is lower. If the NTB exceeds $2,000, the maximum award above will be reduced in accordance with the schedule below. However, if the NTB is $20,000 or less, the minimum annual award will be $100.

New York State Net Taxable Balance	Reduction from Maximum Award
$ 2,000 or less	0
2,001 — 5,000	6% of the excess over $2,000
5,001 — 8,000	$180 plus 7% of the excess over $5,000
8,001 — 11,000	$390 plus 8% of the excess over $8,000
11,001 — 14,000	$630 plus 10% of the excess over $11,000
14,001 — 17,000	$930 plus 12% of the excess over $14,000
17,001 — 20,000	$1,290 plus 14% of the excess over $17,000
20,001 or more	No award given

For example, if the family NTB is $8,000 and the student attends a college with an annual tuition charge of $1,500 or more, the adjusted award will be $1,110 (that is $1,500 less $390), whereas if the student attends a college with an annual tuition charge of $650, the adjusted award will be $260 (that is $650 less $390).

Under Schedule C, if more than one person in the family will be attending a college or other approved school, the net taxable balance is reduced by $3,000 for the second person in attendance, and by $2,000 for each additional person.

During the school years 1974–75, 1975–76, and 1976–77, a student who would normally qualify for TAP payment under Schedule C may elect instead to receive payment under Schedule B if the award under Schedule B would be larger.

Limitation by Other Educational Assistance

The law provides that the amount of the TAP award cannot exceed the amount by which the student's tuition charge exceeds the total of other State, Federal, or other awards that duplicate the purposes of the TAP award. In the computation of the student's TAP award, consideration is therefore given to the following other educational assistance.

(1) Regents scholarship or child-of-veteran awards

(2) Educational grants or scholarships awarded by the Armed Forces or by any Federal agency (except GI benefits, U.S. War Orphan benefits, educational opportunity grants, health professions educational assistance, social security benefits, or loans).

(3) Tuition grants awarded by a New York State department or agency (except the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Department of Social Services, Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped).

(4) Tuition remission or tuition grants or waivers awarded by the college on the basis of status as a faculty or staff member or dependent; or on the basis of services as a graduate assistant or other services to the college; or on the basis of enrollment in a foreign study, teacher education, or other special program.

For example, if the student's tuition charge is $1,500 and he would otherwise be eligible for a TAP award of $1,500 based on income, but the student is entitled to receive duplicative benefits of $1,000 a year, then the TAP award will be adjusted to $500 for the year. If the student will receive other benefits equal to the tuition charge, no TAP award will be made.

Application

A new Student Payment Application must be filed with the Regents Examination and Scholarship Center annually, at the beginning of each academic year. To assure prompt processing of claims for the fall term, applications should be filed by July 1 before the academic year for which assistance is requested. However, applications will be accepted until May 15 of the academic year for which assistance is requested. Application forms and instructions are mailed directly to the address on file for students currently active in the Regents scholarship and scholar incentive programs. Other students may obtain applications and instructions upon request from the Regents Examination and Scholarship Center after June 1. It is the responsibility of the applicant, and the applicant alone, to assure that his application is received by the Regents Examination and Scholarship Center by the deadline date. Claims of loss or delay in the mails, or delay by some college officer or other persons to whom the application may have been entrusted, cannot be considered.

Regents Scholarships for High School Graduates

Types of Scholarships

Regents College Scholarship

This is a general scholarship designed for all high school graduates who plan to attend college, a degree-granting trade, technical or business school, or a hospital school of professional nursing. There are 18,843 scholarships awarded each year on a county basis, with the number allocated to each county proportional to the number of high school graduates in that county. Within each county, awards are based upon competitive standing in the Regents Scholarship and College Qualification Test.[1]

Further, if the number of county scholarships awarded to the students attending an approved high school does not equal at least 1 for every 40 graduates from that high school, then additional scholarships shall be awarded directly to the students of that high school in sufficient number to achieve that quota. (In 1974, a total of 623 additional scholarships were awarded on that basis.)

[1] Procedures for administering the Regents Scholarship and College Qualification Test are presented in the *Handbook on Examinations*. Sample questions and informational material for candidates are provided in *Opening the Door to College Study*. Both publications are available from the Regents Examination and Scholarship Center.

For those scholarship holders who begin college study during the 1974–75 college year, and who elect to receive a TAP award under Schedule C, the scholarship award will be a flat $250 a year. These scholarship holders may elect to receive annual scholarship payment under the schedule in effect before July 1, 1974, provided they do not also receive TAP payment under Schedule C.

Scholarship holders who begin college study after July 1, 1975 will receive a flat award of $250 a year, regardless of the TAP eligibility

All scholarship holders are also eligible to receive a TAP award in addition to the scholarship award, if otherwise eligible for TAP, but in no case may the TAP award be greater than the amount by which the tuition charge exceeds the scholarship award alone.

Regents Scholarship for Basic Professional Education in Nursing

This scholarship is intended specifically for students who plan to train to become registered professional nurses. There are 800 scholarships awarded annually on a county basis. Awards are based upon competitive standing in the Regents Scholarship and College Qualification Test. As in the case of the Regents College Scholarship, there is a separate competition for each county.

The scholarship is valid for up to 5 years of study in a registered professional nursing course at a college or hospital nursing school in New York State, according to the normal length of the program.

Scholarship holders who began approved study before July 1, 1974 will continue to receive scholarship payment under the schedule that was in effect before that date. Under that schedule, the maximum scholarship award is $500 a year if the family net taxable balance is $1,800 or less. For every $10 that the NTB exceeds $1,800, the annual award is reduced by $1, but not below $200. The scholarship award cannot exceed the cost of tuition and fees, or $350, whichever is greater.

For those scholarship holders who begin college study during the 1974–75 college year, and who elect to receive a TAP award under Schedule C, the scholarship award will be a flat $250 a year. These scholarship holders may elect to receive annual scholarship payment under the schedule in effect before July 1, 1974, provided they do not also receive TAP payment under Schedule C.

Scholarship holders who begin college study after July 1, 1975 will receive a flat award of $250 a year, regardless of TAP eligibility.

All scholarship holders are also eligible to receive a TAP award in addition to the scholarship award, if otherwise eligible for TAP, but in no case may the TAP award be greater than the amount by which the tuition charge exceeds the scholarship award alone.

Regents Scholarship in Cornell University

This scholarship is for students who plan to attend Cornell University. The scholarships are tuition-reducing grants and are applicable at any of the colleges and subdivisions of Cornell University.

Each scholarship entitles the recipient to tuition reduction equivalent to from $100 to $1,000 a year, according to financial need, for no more than 5 years of study leading to the baccalaureate degree.

In recent years, the practice has been to award one scholarship in each senatorial district in the State, making a total of 60 such scholarships awarded each year. Awards are based upon competitive standing in the Regents Scholarship and College Qualification Test. Students who apply for the Cornell Scholarship must file with Cornell University the usual application required of all candidates for admission to Cornell.

Eligibility To Compete for Scholarships

A candidate shall be eligible to compete for the Regents College Scholarship, the Regents Scholarship for Basic Professional Education in Nursing, and the Regents Scholarship in Cornell University:

1. *Who is a citizen* of the United States on the date of the examination, or has made application to become such citizen, or will file with the State Education Department a statement of intent to make such application for United States citizenship.

2. *Who is a resident* of the State of New York and has been such a resident for a period of at least 12 months preceding the beginning of the term for which the award becomes effective.

3. *Who takes* the Regents Scholarship and College Qualification Test. (A minimum qualifying score of 100 is required for any scholarship award.)

4. *Who has not previously* taken any Regents scholarship examination. However, a person who has previously taken a Regents scholarship examination and has been unable to complete an approved 4-year high school course because of illness or other reason acceptable to the commissioner shall be eligible to compete again, if otherwise eligible.

5. *Who, by the end of the school year* in which the examination is administered, shall have completed an approved 4-year high school

course, study of which was entered upon within 6 years of the effective date of the scholarship. This requirement may be waived by the commissioner if satisfactory reasons are presented.

6. *Who is a pupil* in an approved secondary school on the date of the examination. However, a candidate shall also be eligible to compete who, on the date of the examination, is enrolled in a program approved for the scholarship (or, if not so enrolled, has been prevented from enrolling in an approved program for reasons acceptable to the commissioner), provided he has been a pupil in an approved secondary school for the term immediately preceding the date of the examination and he meets one of the following additional requirements:

a. Has completed an approved 4-year high school course in less than 4 years.

b. Has been accepted for postsecondary admission under a special acceleration program without having completed an approved 4-year high school course.

c. Has previously been unable to compete for the scholarship for reasons satisfactory to the commissioner. (Such reasons shall include illness on the date of the examination, administrative error, attendance at a secondary school not located in New York State, etc.)

Maintaining Eligibility To Receive a Scholarship Award

High School Graduation Requirement

Award of a Regents scholarship is contingent upon graduation from high school the following June, unless the student is prevented from graduating because of illness or other exceptional circumstances acceptable to the commissioner.

A student who does not graduate in June because of illness may qualify for the scholarship if he graduates in August. If the school has established special requirements for graduation, a student who does not meet such special requirements by June will nevertheless be permitted to retain his scholarship if, in June, he satisfies the minimum requirements for graduation from a high school in New York State and if he is subsequently graduated by the school in August. In any case, if the student does not graduate in August, the scholarship must be reawarded to an alternate. Such students may request permission to participate again in the scholarship competition the following year if they are otherwise eligible.

If a student is unable to satisfy in June even the minimum requirements for graduation from a high school in New York State because of

academic failure, the scholarship must be revoked immediately, and the student will not be eligible to compete again for a Regents scholarship.

Residence Requirement

In order to receive Regents scholarship benefits, either as an original scholarship winner or as an alternate, a student must continue to maintain bona fide residence in New York State. The student is presumed to have the residence of the parents unless he demonstrates an independent legal residence in New York State. If a student becomes a resident of another state, and the scholarship has already been awarded, it must be revoked. If the student is an alternate, he will no longer be eligible to receive a reaward.

Approved Programs

Regents scholarships are valid only for attendance in an approved program at a postsecondary institution in New York State.

If the holder of a Regents scholarship enrolls at an institution outside of the State or in a nonapproved program in New York State, the scholarship must be revoked. A leave of absence may not be granted for purposes of out-of-State study unless the student is matriculated for a degree at a college in New York State and has the permission of that college to enroll for special study leading to his return and graduation from that college. The scholarship holder may not attend an institution outside the State while on leave of absence granted for some other reason. Further, if a person on the alternate list begins study at a college outside New York State, he relinquishes all rights to be considered for any reaward that may subsequently become available. *It is important that all alternates be cautioned by their advisors that attendance at an out-of-State institution or in a nonapproved program will cancel their right to a scholarship reaward.*

Concurrent Use of Awards

A student may not hold both a Regents College Scholarship and a Regents Scholarship for Basic Professional Education in Nursing. Nor may a student hold one of these scholarships while concurrently receiving educational assistance under a Federal law, other than (1) United States War Orphans educational benefits, or (2) GI benefits (veterans' readjustment benefits act of 1966 as amended), or (3) a Federal educational opportunity grant. Thus a student may not hold the Regents College Scholarship concurrently with benefits under the Naval ROTC

Program. However, the student may hold the Regents Scholarship in Cornell University in combination with another Regents scholarship or Federal award. Further, there is no restriction on concurrent use of Regents scholarships together with loans of any kind, work-study jobs, social security benefits, or college or private scholarships (such as National Merit, General Motors, etc.).

Awards and Declinations

The Regents Scholarship and College Qualification Test is administered in September or October. Test scores are reported to schools and to candidates in early December.

A scholarship winner who is offered a Regents scholarship and who plans to accept this scholarship need take no action until June.

However, scholarship winners who do not plan to enroll in a program of study and in an institution for which the scholarship is approved are requested to decline the scholarship as soon as their plans are definite. Declined scholarships in each competition are offered promptly to the highest ranking alternate in the county.

It should be noted that a scholarship may not be reawarded after the person relinquishing the scholarship has matriculated, nor may reawards be made in any case after the end of the first term of the school year for which the scholarship is awarded. This means, in effect, that, after a term of college study has elapsed, all alternate lists are canceled, and further reawards are discontinued.

By early June, each scholarship winner will be sent, by direct mail to his home address as indicated on his application at the time of the test, the Student Payment Application that he will be required to file for purposes of determining the amount of scholarship and TAP assistance to which he will be entitled for the first year of study. The Student Payment Application will serve as the scholarship winner's formal acceptance of the scholarship offered. At the same time, all other persons who wrote the scholarship examination, including alternates and unsuccessful candidates, will also be sent a Student Payment Application so that they may apply for TAP assistance. Students should be advised that no special or additional action will be required on their part prior to June in order to receive these forms, unless they have changed their address or have failed to receive delivery for some other reason.

Retroactive Scholarship Benefits

A scholarship winner who begins approved study in New York State prior to the effective date of the scholarship award is entitled to receive scholarship benefits retroactive to the date of beginning of study. Such retroactive benefits shall be available to students who begin approved study in the spring or summer term following the scholarship examination, and also to students who are already enrolled in approved study when admitted to the scholarship examination.

Students entitled to retroactive benefits should be advised to inform the Regents Examination and Scholarship Center of their prior study immediately upon notification of the scholarship award.

Regents Grants for Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans

These grants are awarded to children of parents who served during specified periods of war or national emergency and who died as a result of such service or suffered a disability of at least 50 percent. There is no competition for these awards. Grants are provided all eligible candidates who are residents of New York State.

The award entitles the recipient to $450 a year for 4 or 5 years of full-time study in any approved undergraduate postsecondary degree program or approved hospital school program of nursing in New York State. The grant must be used to pay tuition and fees, if such are charged, but any remainder is made available to the recipient for maintenance. There are no restrictions on concurrent use of this award with other State or Federal awards.

Application should generally be made during the final year of high school study, at the same time that applications are made for Regents scholarships. Students who become eligible for an award after that date, as a result of subsequent death or disability of parent, should file an application as soon as they are eligible.

The specific requirements are listed in Table 3, page 15. Each candidate must submit appropriate documentary evidence to substantiate fulfillment of the requirements. The table indicates, next to each requirement, the type of document that usually serves as proof. However, additional documentation may be required. To avoid loss, documents should be submitted by certified mail. Each document must be separately identified by the name and address of the candidate and the name of the school attended. Original documents should be retained by the candidate; photostats or certified copies should be submitted.

TABLE 3

Requirements for Regents Grants for Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans

Periods of Service

Each candidate must be the child of a veteran who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during at least part of one of the four periods specified:

(1) Apr. 1, 1917–Nov. 11, 1918
(2) Dec. 7, 1941–Dec. 31, 1946
(3) June 25, 1950–July 27, 1953
(4) Oct. 1, 1961–Mar. 29, 1973

Child of Deceased Veteran

Service-Connected Death	*Required Documents*
If the death of the veteran was service connected, then evidence must be presented that the veteran:	For 1, *either:*
1. Died while serving during one of the four periods specified above, or died as a result of injury or illness incurred while so serving, and	(*a*) A telegram or confirming letter from armed service *or* (*b*) Statement from Veterans' Administration confirming date on which illness or injury resulting in death was incurred.
2. Was a legal resident of New York State either: (*a*) at time of entry into service, or (*b*) at time of death	For 2, *either:* (*a*) Photocopy of Report of Separation or photocopy of front and back of honorable discharge (DD 214). *or* (*b*) Death certificate or other evidence of legal residence at time of death.

Death Not Service Connected	*Required Documents*
If the death of the veteran was *not* service connected, then evidence must be presented that the veteran:	
1. Had a service-connected disability of 50 percent or more incurred during one of four periods specified above, and	For 1, Statement from Veterans' Administration indicating percent of disability at time of death and date disability was incurred.
2. Was a legal resident of New York State at time of entry into service.	For 2, Photocopy of Report of Separation or photocopy of front and back of honorable discharge (DD 214).

Child of Disabled Veteran

Evidence must be presented that the veteran:	*Required Documents*
1. Has a current service-connected disability of 50 percent or more as a result of injury or illness incurred during one of the four periods specified above, and	For 1, Statement from Veterans' Administration or the branch of the Armed Forces in which the veteran served giving the current percent of disability and date on which the disability was incurred.
2. Was a legal resident of New York State at time of entry into service.	For 2, Photocopy of Report of Separation or photocopy of front and back of honorable discharge (DD 214).

Other Scholarships and Fellowships

Regents Scholarships for War Veterans

There are 600 scholarships, awarded upon annual authorization of the Legislature, for veterans who served in regular active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States between October 1, 1961, and March 29, 1973. The scholarships are awarded on a county basis, so that there is a separate competition for each county.

Each scholarship is valid for a maximum of 4 years of full-time or part-time study at any approved college, nursing school, or trade or business school in New York State, or for a maximum of 5 years of continuous part-time study. Recipients are entitled to $350 a year, but not exceeding the cost of tuition and educational fees, and not exceeding a cumulative maximum of $1,400. Scholarship holders in full-time attendance in a program approved for TAP assistance may also receive such assistance, but then the amount of the scholarship award may not be greater than the amount by which the cost of tuition and fees exceeds the amount of such TAP assistance.

A veteran shall be eligible to compete for this scholarship who:

1. *Was a resident* of New York State at time of entrance upon military service and is a resident at time of application.

2. *Has been discharged* or released from active duty, under conditions, not other than honorable, by the date of application.

3. *Files* in the State Education Department a formal application in the form and at the time prescribed by the commissioner.

4. *Takes the examination* prescribed for the competition.

5. *Has not previously received benefits* from a Regents War Service Scholarship and does not hold another Regents scholarship.

Following authorization of a new scholarship series by the Legislature, applications may be obtained from the Regents Examination and Scholarship Center, generally in June. The competitive examination is usually administered during the summer.

Regents Scholarships in Medicine, Dentistry, and Osteopathy

There are 50 awards annually for the study of medicine and 20 annually for the study of dentistry. (For special Regents scholarships for areas of physician shortage, see page 18.) Each type of award is divided equally among candidates residing in New York City and can-

didates residing elsewhere in the State. The number of awards each year for the study of osteopathy is not fixed but depends upon legislative appropriation.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit as demonstrated by performance in a competitive scholarship examination. Scholarship holders will be entitled to receive $350 to $1,000 a year, based on financial ability, for 4 years of study at an approved medical or dental school in New York State or at an approved school of osteopathy in the United States.

A candidate may apply for any combination of scholarships in which he is interested. A separate eligible list will be established for each type of scholarship. If he is successful in more than one competition, however, he will be required to choose which single scholarship he wishes to receive. It will *not* be possible to use a medical scholarship for the purpose of study in a school of dentistry or osteopathy, nor will the reverse be permitted.

A candidate shall be eligible to compete for this scholarship who:

1. *Is a citizen* of the United States on the date of the examination, or has made application to become such citizen.

2. *Is a resident* of the State of New York and has been such a resident for a period of at least 12 months preceding the beginning of the semester with which the award becomes effective.

3. *Files* in the State Education Department a formal application in the form and at the time prescribed by the commissioner.

4. *Takes the examination* prescribed for the competition.

5. *Has completed* an educational program fitting him to enter upon the professional study of medicine, dentistry, or osteopathy.

6. *Has not yet entered* upon the professional study of medicine or dentistry prior to the date of the examination. (This requirement may be waived for students in organized or accelerated programs of preprofessional study approved by the State Education Department. The waiver must be requested 1 year prior to entering professional school.) In the case of osteopathy, students may take the examination either prior to or after entering professional study.

7. *Has not previously taken the examination* for the scholarship awards.

Application forms may be obtained from the Regents Examination and Scholarship Center in May each year. Completed application forms

must be filed about 2 weeks prior to the examination date, which is generally in October. The last date for filing applications and the date of the examination are printed on the application form.

The scholarship holder will receive the maximum amount of $1,000 for each academic year if the combined net taxable balance of the family (student, parents, and student's spouse, if any) does not exceed $1,800 for the calendar year preceding that academic year. (See Financial Need, page 19.) For every $8 that the net taxable balance exceeds $1,800, the award will be reduced by $1, except that the minimum award shall be $350 a year. The award may not exceed the cost of tuition (including educational fees) or $350, whichever is greater. The scholarship holder may also receive TAP assistance, but the combination may not exceed the cost of tuition (excluding fees).

Regents Physician Shortage Scholarships

These scholarships are available to *beginning or advanced* medical students who agree to practice medicine in an area designated as having a shortage of physicians. There are 30 scholarships each year, paying $1,000 to $4,000 a year for up to 4 years of study.[1] Priority is given to students from low-income families residing in areas of physician shortage. The required period of approved practice is 9 months for every annual payment received. Refund of payments will be required if this obligation is not fulfilled. Applications for the ensuing academic year will be accepted beginning in January and until May 1.

Candidates may apply for both the Regents Physician Shortage Scholarship and the Regents Scholarship for professional study in medicine (see page 16) if they meet the eligibility requirements for both. However, persons successful in both competitions will be required to choose which single award they wish to receive. Since these are two separate competitions with different requirements, candidates should keep in mind that separate applications are required. A person who files for one scholarship will not automatically be considered for the other, nor can a person successful in one competition claim benefits under the other scholarship solely on that basis.

Further information on the Regents Physician Shortage Scholarships is available from the Regents Examination and Scholarship Center.

[1] For the school year 1974–75, the Legislature has authorized a total of 60 such awards.

Herbert H. Lehman Graduate Fellowships

There are 30 fellowships, subject to annual authorization and funding by the Legislature, for study in an approved college in New York State in a program leading to a master's or doctoral degree in the social sciences or in public or international affairs. (Education, social work, law, and other professional study are not approved areas of study for this fellowship.)

Each fellowship is valid for a maximum of 4 years of full-time graduate study. Recipients are entitled to $4,000 for the first year of graduate study, and to $5,000 a year thereafter.

The competition is open to residents of the United States who have not yet entered upon graduate study. Awards are based upon an evaluation of academic record, test scores, and personal qualifications. Application forms may be obtained from the Regents Examination and Scholarship Center and must generally be submitted by December 1 preceding the college year for which the fellowship award is requested.

General Terms and Conditions of Awards

Financial Need

For all programs except those having a fixed award (e.g., child-of-veteran), the amount of award is based on financial need. The measure of financial ability established by law for each academic year is the combined net taxable balance of family income for the preceding calendar year. Thus, the award for the 1974–75 academic year is based on the combined net taxable balance for calendar year 1973. (If a person whose net taxable balance is required did not file a 1973 New York State income tax report, or was not subject to New York State taxation during 1973, the income for 1973 must still be reported on the 1974–75 Student Payment Application as though taxable and reported in New York State.) The net taxable balance is the gross income less allowable exemptions and deductions. However, income from tax-exempt securities and depletion allowances must also be included, even if not reported on the income tax report. The law requires that the amount of award shall be based on the combined income of the student, parents, and spouse (if any). If a student's parent has remarried, the stepparent is considered by law to be financially responsible in the same manner as a natural parent. Similarly, if a legal guardian has been appointed, the guardian and spouse are considered financially responsible if the

student has been legally adopted by the guardian. All financial data are held in strict confidence. Routine checks are made against the records of the New York State income tax division to verify information submitted.

It is not possible, in computing the annual award, to give consideration to changes in income that occur after the preceding calendar year due to change in job, unemployment, illness, retirement, etc. The law requires that the award be based on income during the most recent complete calendar year of employment. However, all financial awards are recomputed each academic year, and so will automatically reflect changes of income during the most recent calendar year.

If a student receives a TAP award under Schedule C, and more than one member of the family is in approved full-time postsecondary study, the appropriate net taxable balance is reduced by $3,000 for the second member in such study and $2,000 for each additional member in such study. Under Schedules A and B, the appropriate net taxable balance is divided by the number of members of the family in full-time postsecondary study. Such division also applies to scholarship holders whose awards were in effect before 1974–75.

Special consideration can be given under the law to the following circumstances:

Death of Parent or Spouse

Where death has occurred prior to the beginning of any term, the previous income of such person will be excluded in determining the student's award for that term.

Separation or Divorce of Student

Where separation or divorce has occurred prior to the beginning of any term, the previous income of the student's spouse will be excluded in determining the student's award for that term.

Separation or Divorce of Parents

Where parents are separated or divorced and the parent having custody has not remarried, the award will be based on the income of the parent having custody, combined with the amount of support received from the other parent specifically for the support of the student.

Where the parent having custody has remarried, the income of that parent and his or her spouse will be considered in the determination of financial need.

Emancipation

The law makes special provision for excluding the parental income of students who may be considered emancipated. For such students, the award will be based solely on the income of the student and, if the student is married, on the income of the spouse.

The criteria for emancipation are established by the law as follows for both graduate and undergraduate students:

A student shall be considered emancipated if:

(1) during the calendar year next preceding the term for which application for an award is made, and during the entire period of such term, such student:

(i) has not resided with parents for more than two consecutive weeks, and

(ii) has not received in any calendar year financial assistance or support in excess of $600 from parents; and if

(2) during the parents' taxable year next preceding the term for which application for an award is made, such student has not been claimed as a dependent by either parent for purpose of either Federal or State income tax.

Veterans are exempt from the requirements of paragraph (1) above for a reasonable period following release from active duty, or until the beginning of the fall term next following such separation.

Foreign Study

Regents awards are generally restricted by law to students enrolled in New York State institutions. However, a student enrolled in a New York State college is eligible to receive State financial assistance while attending a foreign university under a regularly established program of foreign study conducted under the auspices of the college in which he is enrolled. The essential condition is that, under such a program of foreign study, the student must pay all tuition and fees to the New York State college. The college may then contract with a foreign university to provide instruction to the student. Under the law, if a student enrolls at a foreign university and pays tuition to such university, even with the prior consent and approval of a New York State college, the student is *not* entitled to receive State benefits. To be acceptable, the program must in effect constitute a contract between the New York State college and the foreign university for the provision of instructional services to the student.

Full-time Study

To be considered in full-time attendance the student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 credits a semester, or the equivalent. Practice teaching, work experience, thesis or dissertation research, preparation for language or qualifying examinations, and independent study may all be considered as contributing appropriately toward full-time study on an equivalent time basis, as required or approved by the college as an integral part of the student's program. It shall not be necessary that the college grant credit for the activity or charge tuition therefor. Similarly, graduate assistantships may also be considered as contributing toward full-time study where such assistantships are appropriate to and constitute an integral part of the student's program of study. In certification of the equivalent of a full-time program, the institution bears a responsibility for wise exercise of discretion to assure conformity with the intent of the law.

Leave of Absence

Generally, the use of a Regents scholarship may not be deferred. The student is required to enter upon full-time study promptly and to continue such study without interruption.

However, if a student is unable to begin study when required or if his program must be interrupted or discontinued, a leave of absence for reasons satisfactory to the Commissioner of Education may be granted to certain award holders for a period not to exceed 2 years. A leave of absence may not be granted to pursue study at an institution outside New York State unless the student's college in New York State has approved such study, or in a program that is not approved for the Regents award, or to permit study under an award which may not be held concurrently with a Regents award.

If a student enters military service, a leave of absence will be granted for the duration of his active military service, and he will be entitled to the benefits of the Regents award if he begins study in an approved institution in New York State within 18 months after release from active duty.

A leave of absence is *not* required for TAP awards or for child-of-veteran awards, since continued study is not required under these programs. During any school year that the student is in approved study and meets the eligibility requirements, an appropriate application may be filed for payment for that school year.

Summer Study

Payment will be made for summer study if the student attends a regularly organized summer term for which a separate tuition charge is made. If the tuition charge for summer study is included in the yearly tuition charge, as is the case for example in many nursing schools, no payment can be made for summer study.

Also, to be eligible to receive assistance for summer study, the candidate must, during the regular academic year, be a full-time student matriculated in an approved program leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate in a school in New York State. A student who is regularly in part-time attendance during the academic year, or who attends school in New York State during summers only, is not eligible for payment for summer study.

A student who completes 12 credits a semester, or the equivalent, of accelerated summer study will be paid the same amount as for a regular term. The student who completes 6–11 credits a semester will be paid at one-half the rate of payment for a full semester. No payment will be made for less than half-time study. Payment for any period of summer study will count toward the student's total allowable period of study, in the same manner as payment for an equivalent period during the regular year. Application for payment for summer study is made on the same form and in the same manner as for any other semester. No special application form is required.

Procedure for Payment of State Awards

In June of each year, a Student Payment Application is sent to each high school senior who wrote the Regents Scholarship and College Qualification Test the preceding year, and also to each student who received financial assistance the previous year. Other persons may obtain Student Payment Applications from their college or from the Regents Examination and Scholarship Center. Students who expect to be eligible for assistance during the following year are requested to complete the application on the basis of New York State income tax information required to be filed the previous April 15 and to submit the application by July 1.

After the Student Payment Application has been reviewed, the student will be issued an award certificate notifying him of the maximum amount or upper limit of assistance to which he will be entitled each term solely on the basis of income. If the award is required to be

adjusted on the basis of the tuition charge, the adjusted award will also be indicated. Issuance of the award certificate is notification that the application has been approved and that processing of payment is underway.

To expedite payment, the State Department of Audit and Control will process the payment initially based on the typical tuition charge paid by most students attending the particular school. This check will be sent to the school about 4–6 weeks after the student receives the award certificate, but not earlier than about October 1 for the fall term, January 1 for the winter term, and March 1 for the spring term. The school will be directed to issue the check to the student if he is enrolled in an approved program and if he is eligible for payment in the designated amount. The student should keep in mind that if he is eligible for payment in a larger amount, because the tuition charge differs from the typical charge for most students at the school, then it may be necessary for an adjusted check to be issued at a later date, after the college has certified the tuition charge to the Regents Examination and Scholarship Center.

Some schools do not have uniform tuition charges, so that it is not possible to issue student payments until after the school has certified the actual tuition charge for each individual student. In such schools, students should not expect to receive payment until late in the semester.

While only one Student Payment Application is required for the year, and only one award certificate is issued, payment will be made for each term separately. The amount paid for a semester will be one-half the annual award, and the amount paid for a quarter term will be one-third the annual award. No payment will be made for any term unless the payment due is at least $10.

Since full payment of the tuition charge for each term is normally required by schools at time of registration, and since the State payment will normally not be available until after registration has been completed, the student may wish to arrange with his school for tuition credit in the amount of his anticipated State award, pending issuance of his check. For purposes of tuition credit, the school may request that the student submit his award certificate as evidence of eligibility, and also that he give the school power-of-attorney so that his check may be deposited directly in his tuition account. Students who wish to take advantage of this opportunity should be sure to file the Student Pay-

ment Application early, preferably at least 8 weeks before registration, so that they may receive the award certificate in time to be submitted to the college for tuition credit.

If a student discontinues full-time attendance before the end of the school term, the student may either: (1) claim a prorated payment for the period of actual attendance and for the actual tuition charge for that period, or (2) waive payment for that term. A term for which prorated payment is made counts as a full term toward the maximum number of terms for which assistance may be received. A term for which payment is waived does not count toward the maximum period of benefits.